UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE U.S. FOREST SERVICE SHOSHONE NATIONAL FOREST WAPITI RANGER DISTRICT OCCUPANCY AND USE / FIRE

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 C.F.R § 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on the Wapiti Ranger District, Shoshone National Forest, Park County, Wyoming, as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This Order is in effect immediately and until rescinded.

AREA DESCRIBED: The prohibitions within this order apply to all National Forest System lands within one-half mile on either side of the center line of U.S. Highway 14-16-20 (commonly known as the North Fork Highway) between the National Forest boundary and the East Entrance of Yellowstone National Park, as depicted in Exhibit A.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The purposes of this Order are to provide for public safety, minimize conflicts between humans and bears, and reduce the potential for human-caused wildfires.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1. Camping, 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e), except for the following areas within which it will be allowed:
 - a. Developed campgrounds designed for overnight camping.
 - b. The Pahaska, Eagle Creek, and Fishhawk Trailheads, and only by people with saddle and/or pack stock sleeping within hard-sided units constructed of non-pliable materials such as trailers, campers, and other motor vehicles.
- 2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire, charcoal fire, or stove fire. Fires may be used only at developed recreation sites in a fire ring or grill provided for this purpose. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)
- 3. Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun between June 1st and September 1st annually. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m)

EXEMPTIONS: Pursuant to **36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e)** the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force when in the performance of an official duty.
- 2. Any person with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited acts or omission.

Done at Cody, Wyoming, this 7th day of November, 2012.

Joseph G. Alexander Forest Supervisor

Shoshone National Forest

Any violation of this Order is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].

Exhibit A - Map

